

House Resolution No. 3146

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and gratitude that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge commemorative services which will take place at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 7, 2003, to dedicate a restored F-4 aircraft in honor of Lieutenant Charles Morley of Warrensburg; and

Whereas, an F-4 Navigator in the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam War, Lieutenant Morley was listed as Missing in Action for a time after the February 18, 1970, crash of his aircraft while on a mission in Kahmmouan Province, Laos; and

Whereas, on a mission to cover the Ho Chi Minh Trail at the time of his disappearance, Lieutenant Morley was subsequently listed as Presumed Dead along with the pilot of the downed fighter aircraft; and

Whereas, after the crash site was located in 1993, excavation by United States and Laotian teams began in August 1995, and recovered human remains were identified as Lieutenant Morley in July 1999; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Morley's name will be inscribed on the canopy of an F-4 aircraft displayed in a prominent position at the main gate of the facilities of the Missouri Air National Guard's 157th Air Operations Group, which has renovated the fighter jet and restored its original camouflage paint scheme; and

Whereas, an Honor Guard for the June 7 ceremony will include members of American Legion Post 131 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2513 and a veterans contingent from Pinckneyville, Illinois:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the sacrifice and patriotic service associated with Lieutenant Charles Morley and to convey to all persons involved in eulogies and commemorative observations on June 7, 2003, this legislative body's most heartfelt appreciation of their efforts, especially those of his widow, Michele; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the late Lieutenant Charles Morley of the United States Air Force.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3146, adopted June 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker